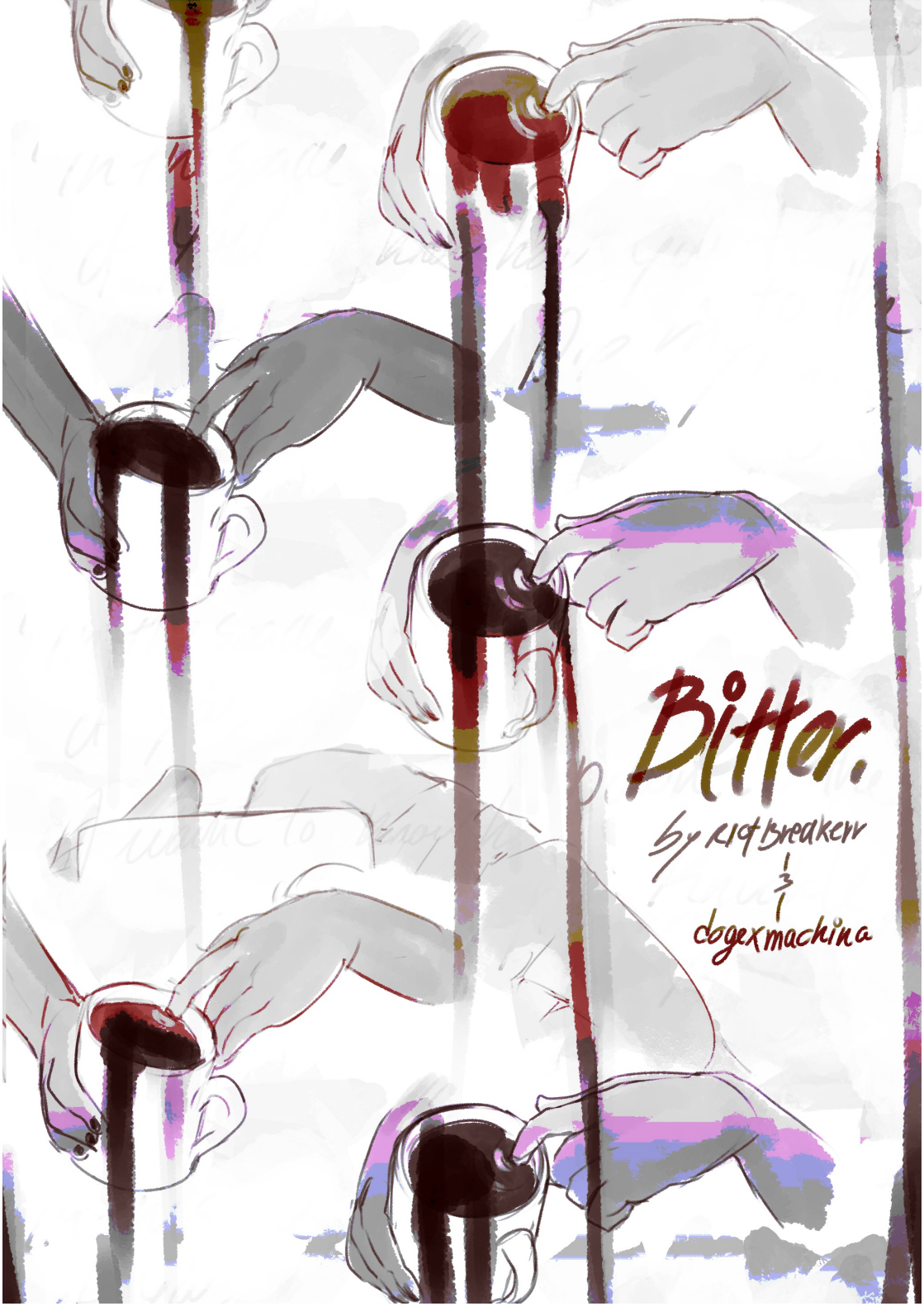




Bitter.

by riot breakers

dogex machina

A conversation about a brain in a jar.

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Dip my finger



in the space
of you,



down to the
knuckle,



rose?







You make it better
than anyone I know.

really?

anyone can use
a coffee pot

Perhaps there's something
special about yours, then.

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make me think youre up
to something,

hehe!

Just enjoying a
classic cup of hot
bean juice made by
our local barkrista.

who me?

No, the other
lovely dog god I
talk to on the
regular.



i dunno

maybe you
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excuse to
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Slander.
I'm using you
for free
coffee.

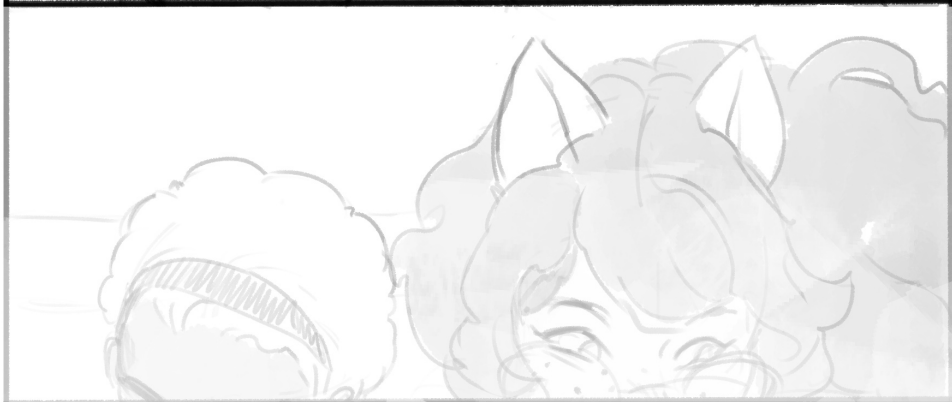
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start charging
you, then



My presence is
payment enough.

lmao
sure





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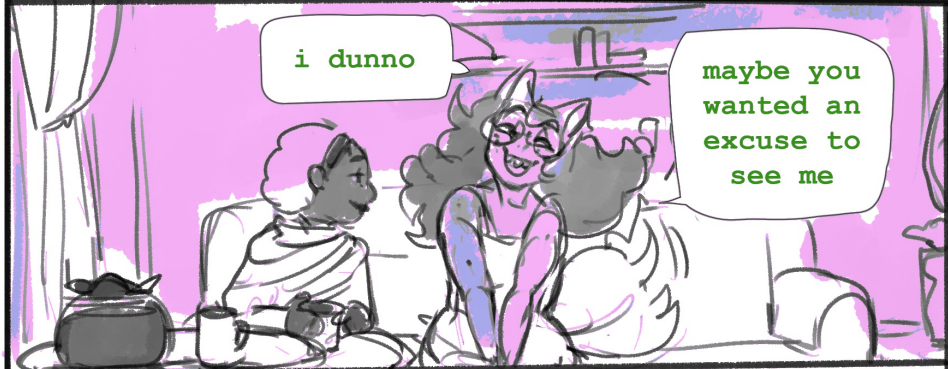
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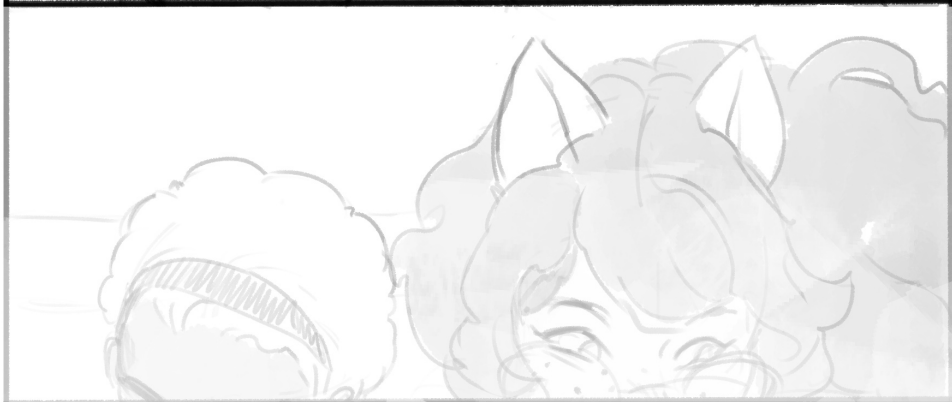


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V xabj gurert fbzrguvat

oernxnayr va lbh.



Vg't va zr.

Vjnag gb oernx
vg naq fr gur
curprf bs

lbh.



rose?

rose?

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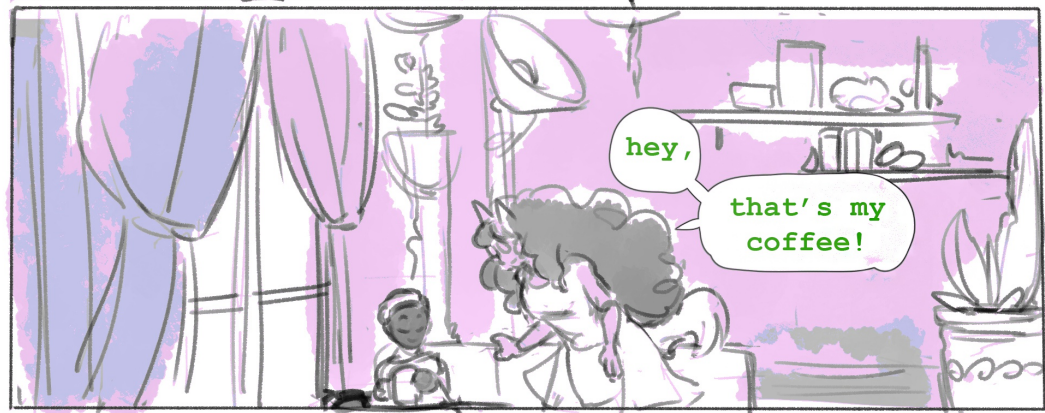
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Ah,

He Hello to
Jade.

Jade.



hey,

that's my
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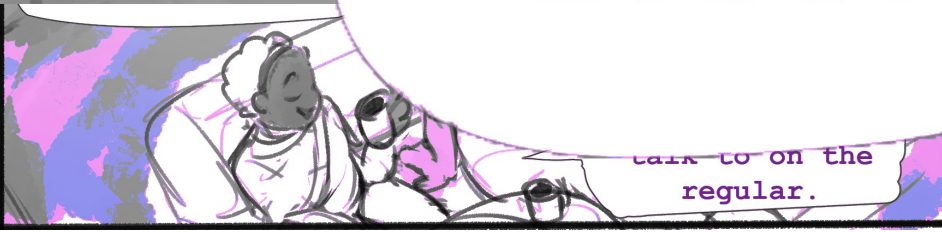


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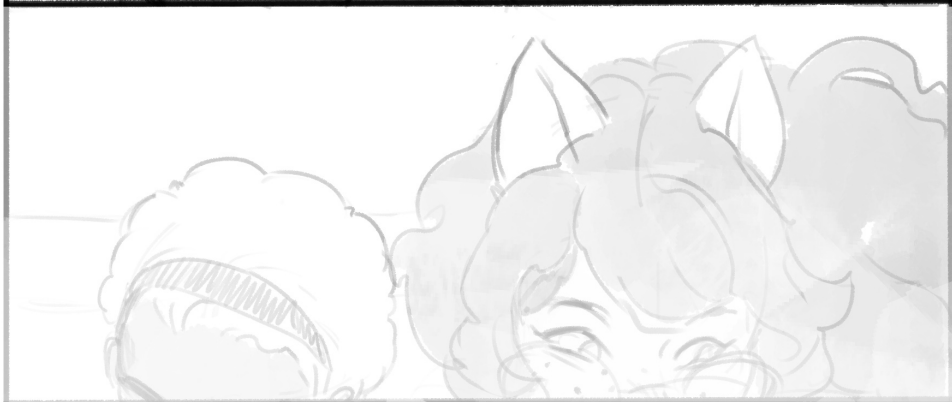
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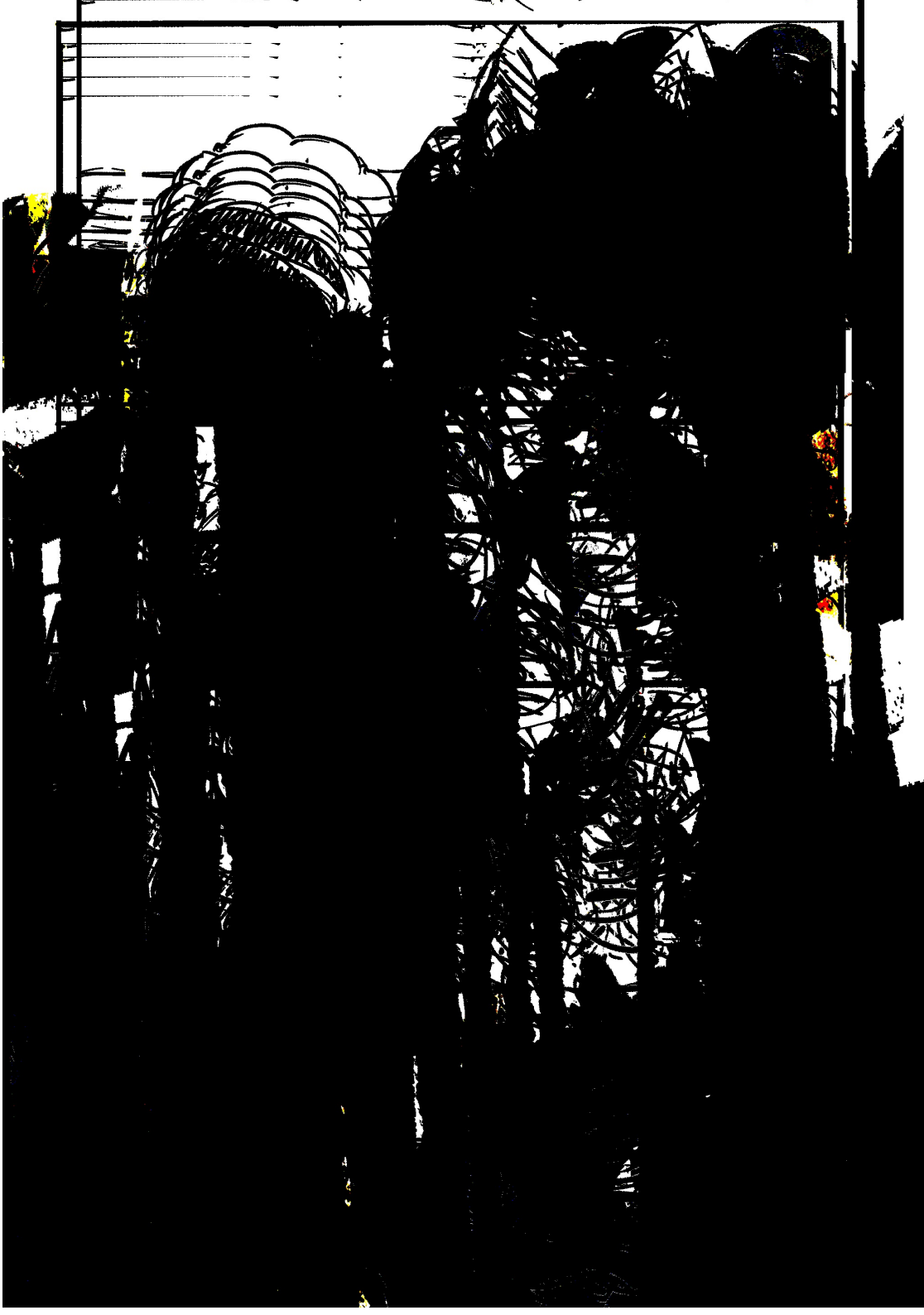
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It's
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than any...





A conversation about a brain in a jar.

I want to know how you tick.

Dip my finger

down to the
knuckle,

about a brain in a jar.

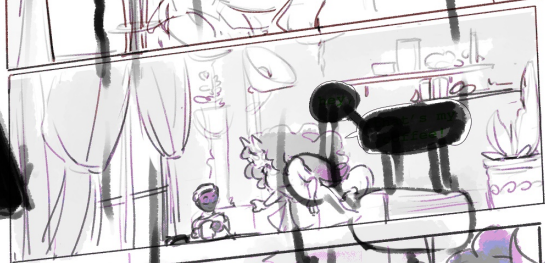
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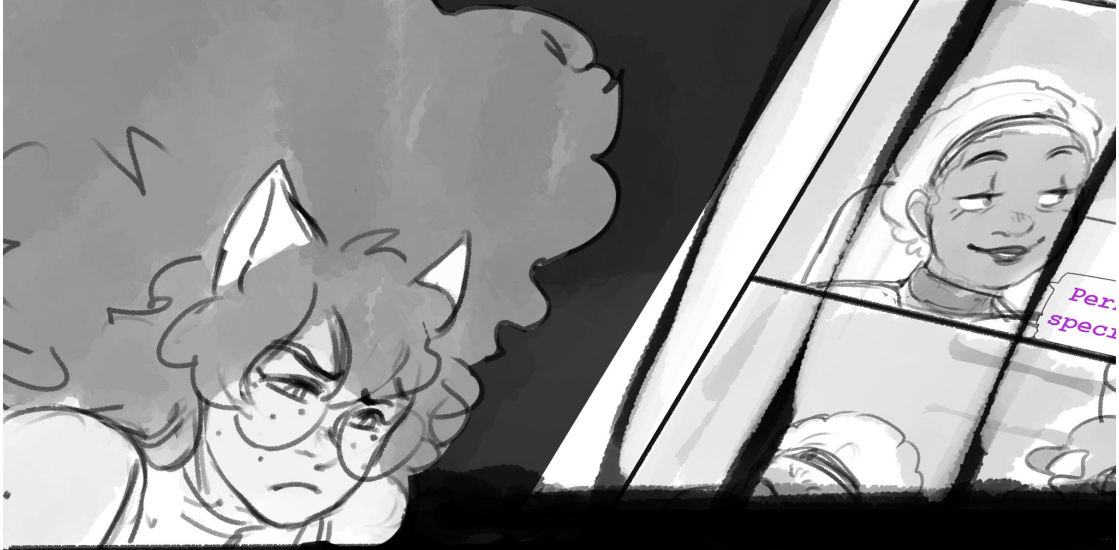
TICK.



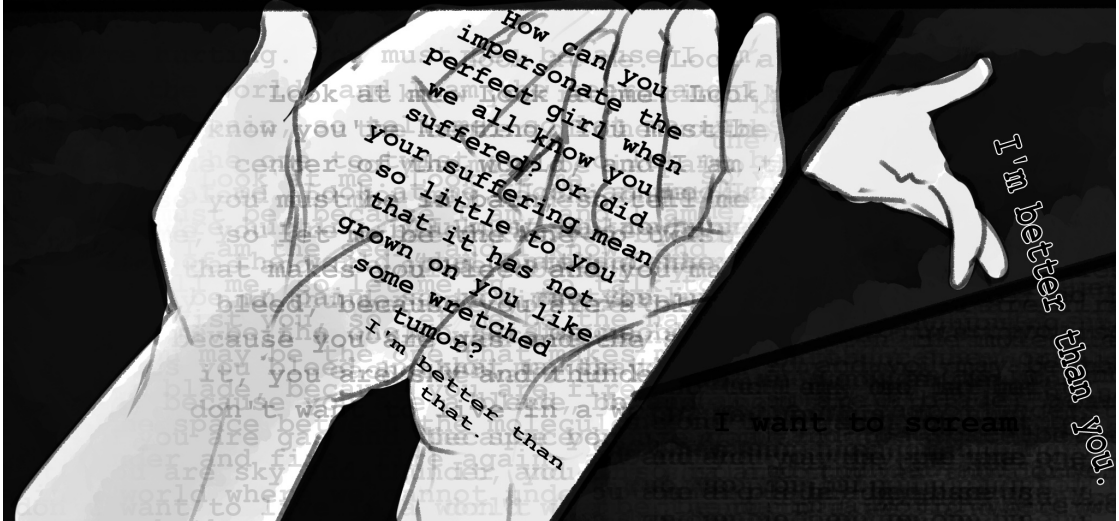
I want to know how you tick.
Dip my finger
in the space
of your eye
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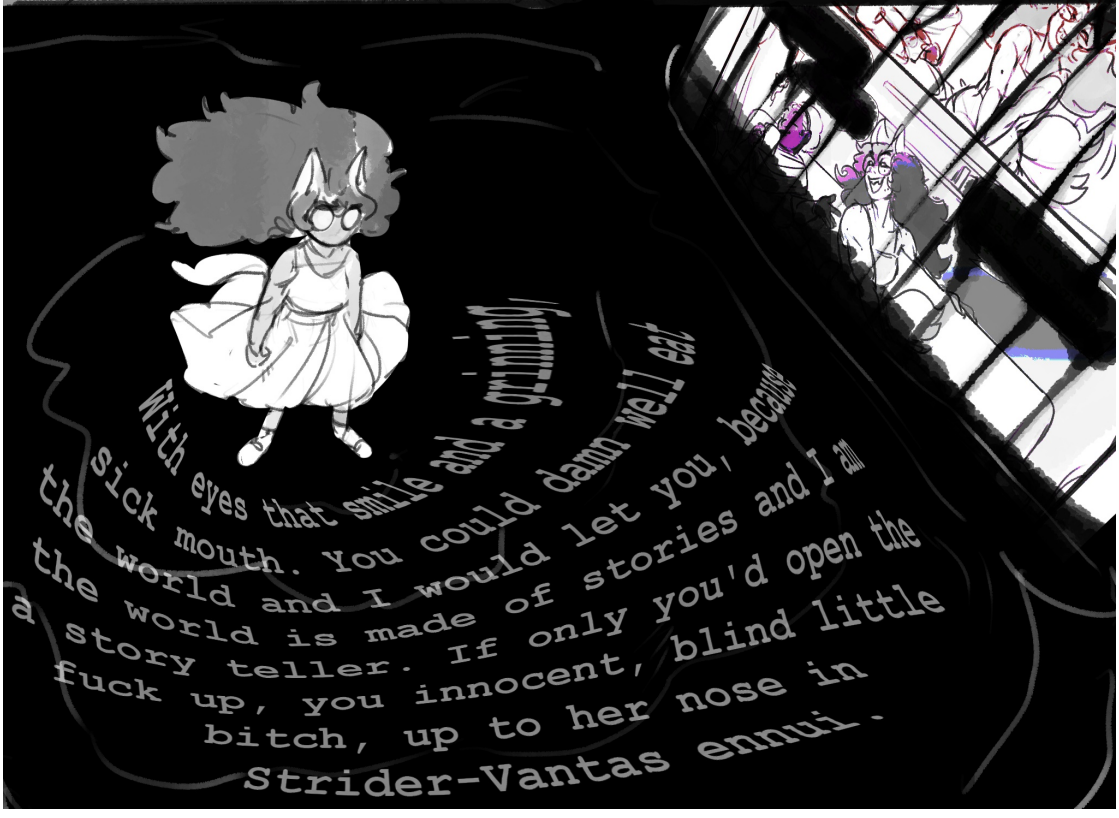
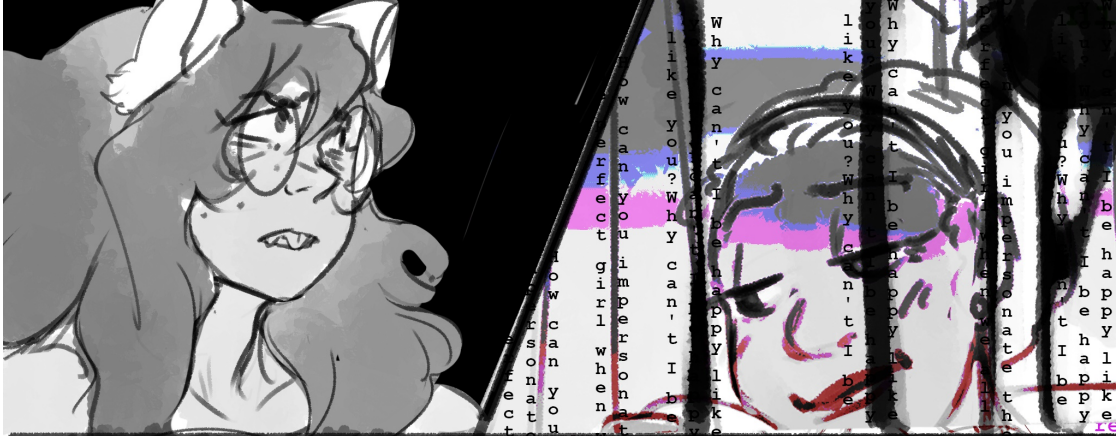


the world look at me look at me look at me look at me
I know you're hurting, you must be, because I am, and I am
the center of the world, and I am the world, and I know, and
so you must be in pain, so let me, so let me, so let me, so let me
me, so let me be the one to let you, so let me be the one
that makes you bleed and you may be the one that makes me
bleed, because you are a bludge, because you are a bludge,
because you are gas and the space between the molecules of air
it, you are sky and thunder and you are again, and you are
don't want to live in a world where we cannot understand, you
are gas and the space between the molecules of air
are sky and thunder and you are you and thunder and thunder and
and you are what I want, I want to live in where I want to live



How can you
impersonate the
perfect girl when
we all know you
suffered? or did
your suffering mean
so little to you
that it has not
grown on you like
some wretched
tumor?
I'm better
than that.

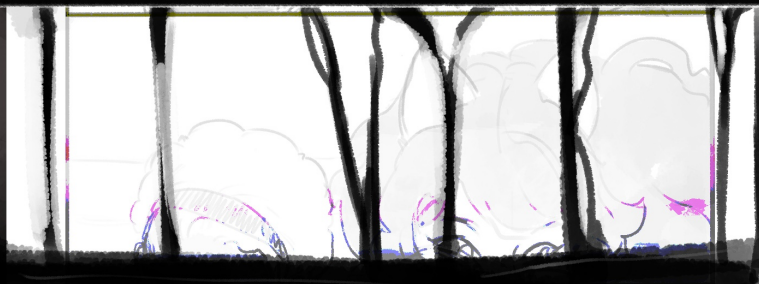
I'm better than you.



Maybe this isn't scorn at all. It's envy. After
Apparent perfection is all we can wish for after
all, even if your face will never crinkle past
pleasantly young and neither will mine, I know
you're tired of smiling, hypocrite. Is it that
easy to just be happy? When did you decide to be
happy? Can someone like me even get that choice?
You like girls, so why don't you like me?
Why are you so fucking difficult?
Why won't you let me in?



I want to dip my hands into the space of
you. I want to pull out the uranium ore
that powers the machinery of your heart.



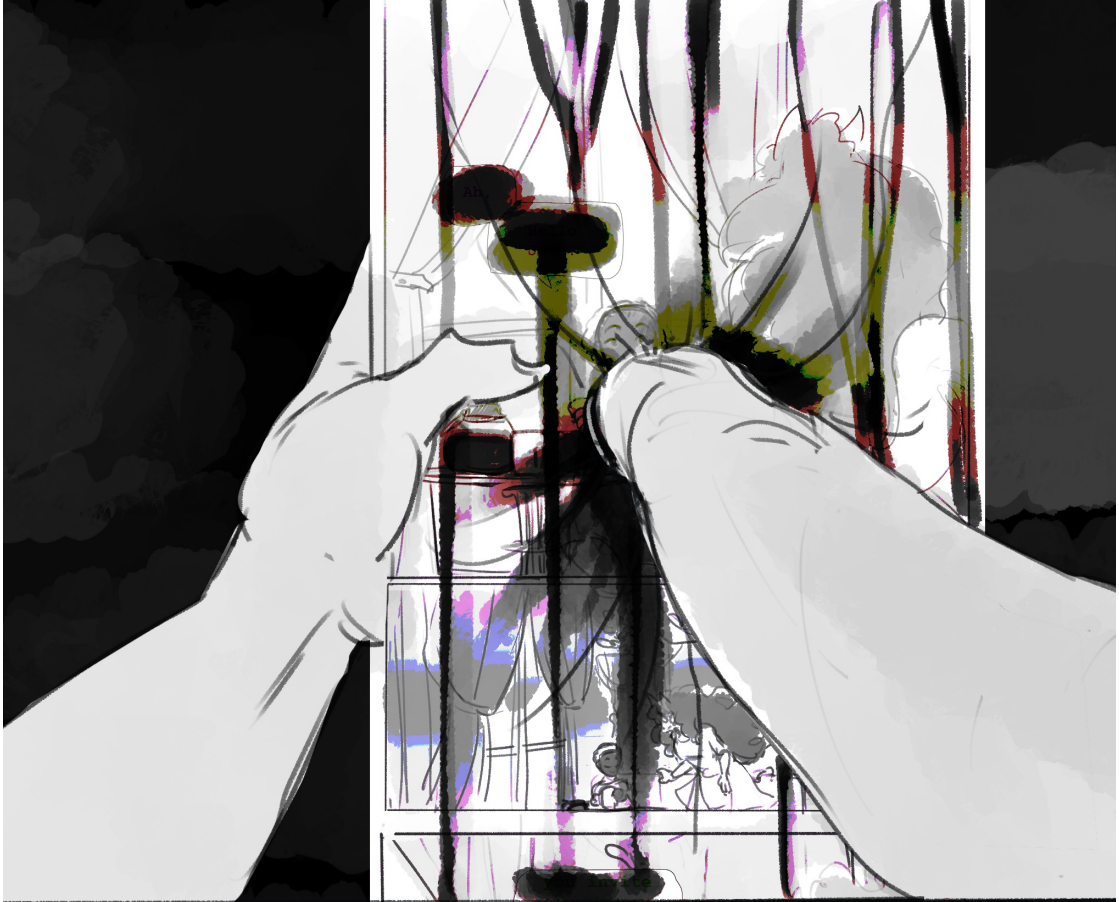
Seeing you break is a rework. Seeing you break is a
spectacle. Making you suffer is what I want to do. I want
to be the one who gets in and I want your fangs
in my gore.

Be bitter,
suffer



Be angry,
simmer Be like me.











how long have i been in here?

Time's relative at
this level of...

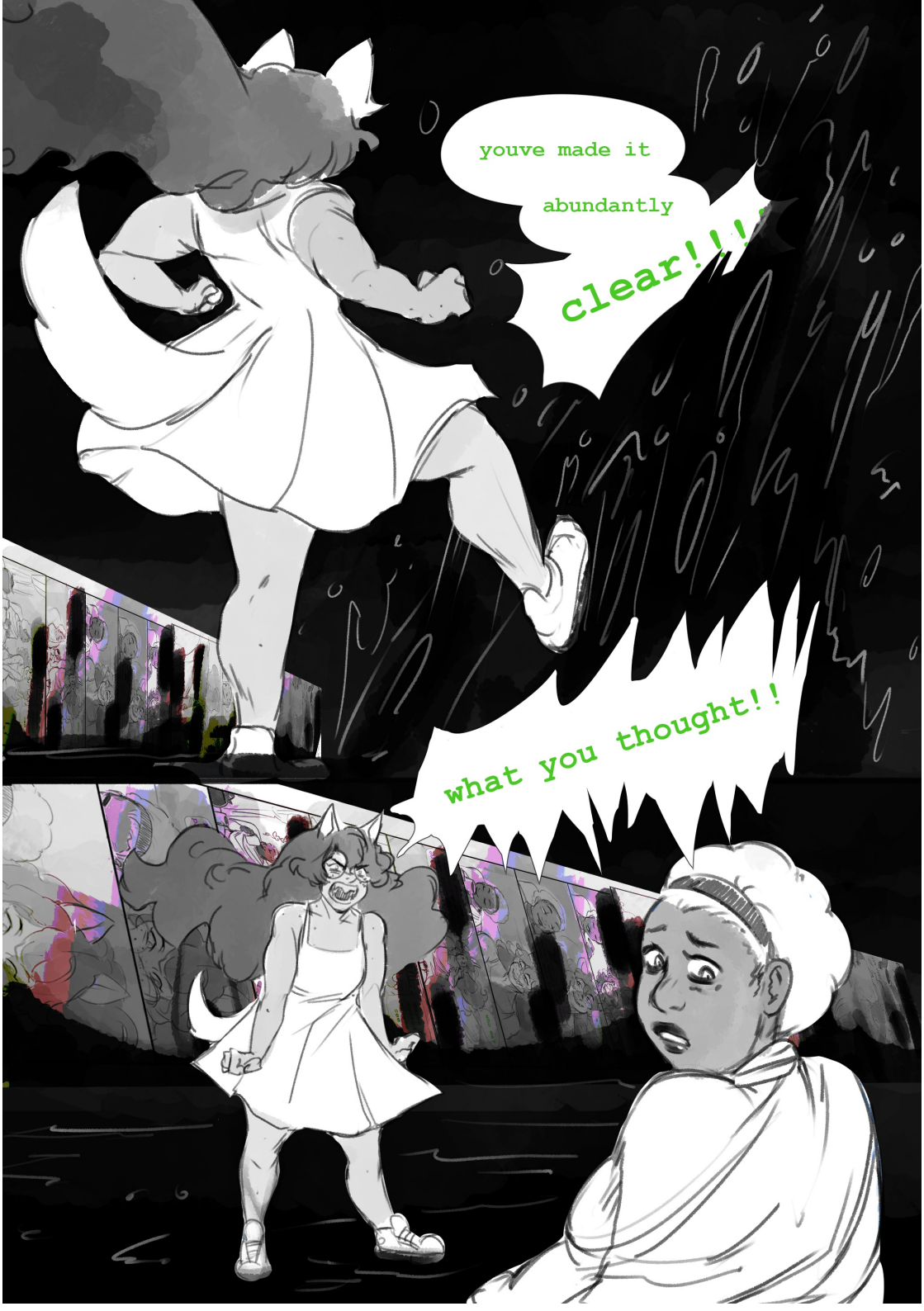
just answer my
question

Not
long.

A little
over a day?

I wasn't
expecting you to
tear this open
so quickly.

oh,
i know what you
thought.

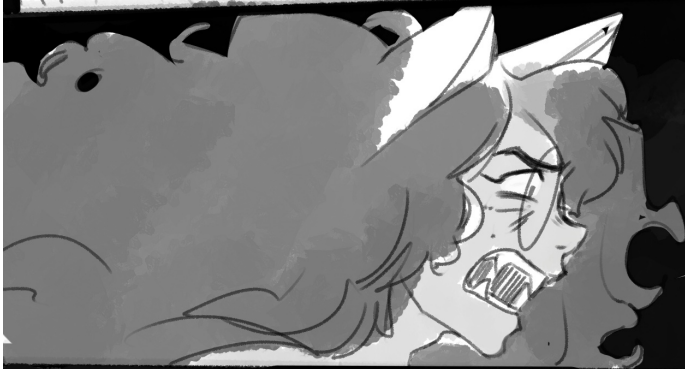


youve made it

abundantly

clear!!!!

what you thought!!

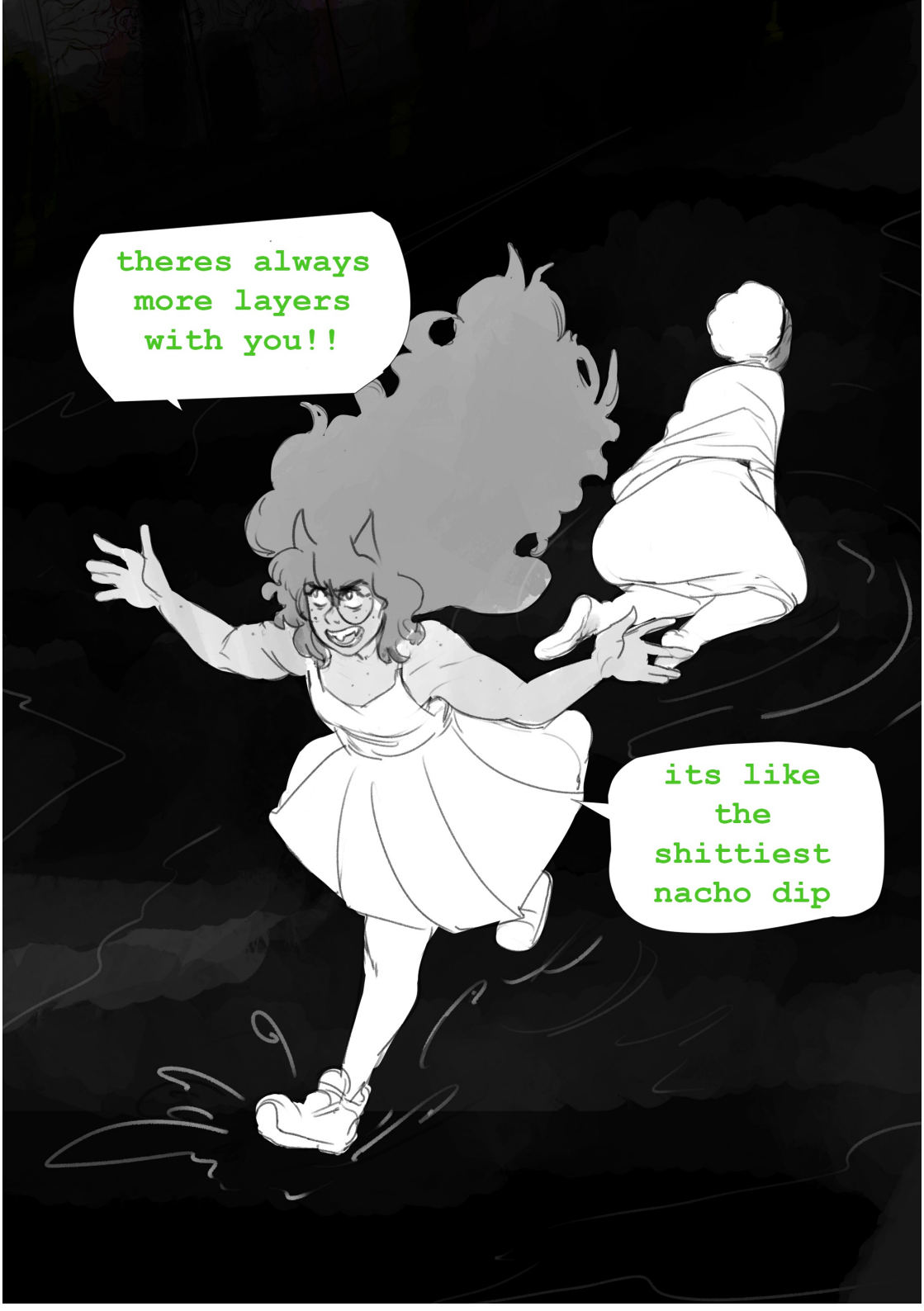


youre mad
at me
because im
"better?"

It's not that simple.

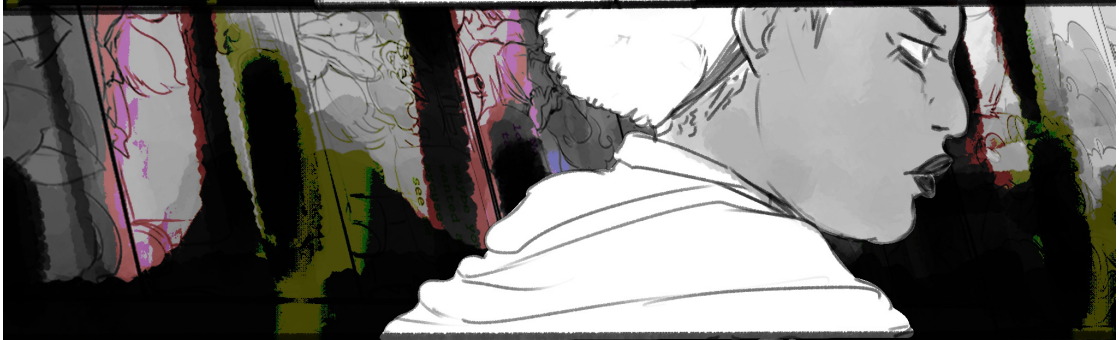
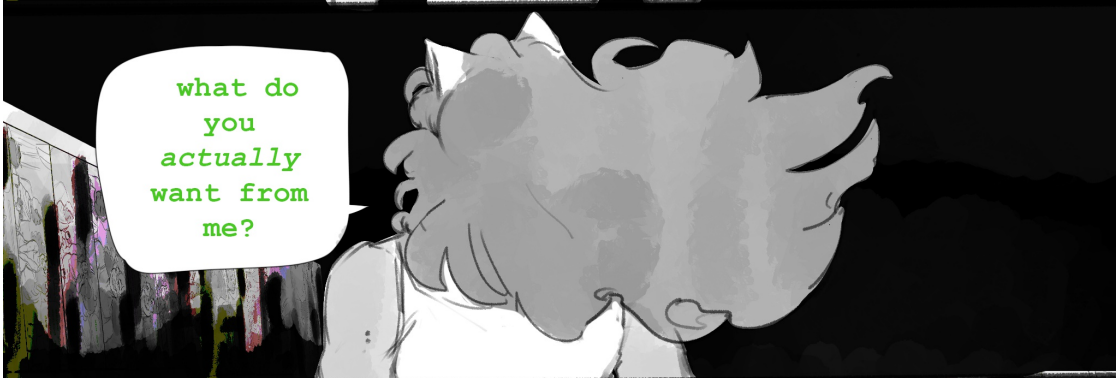
i know!





theres always
more layers
with you!!

its like
the
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nacho dip





I want to keep your brain
in a jar.

I want to see

How you tick.



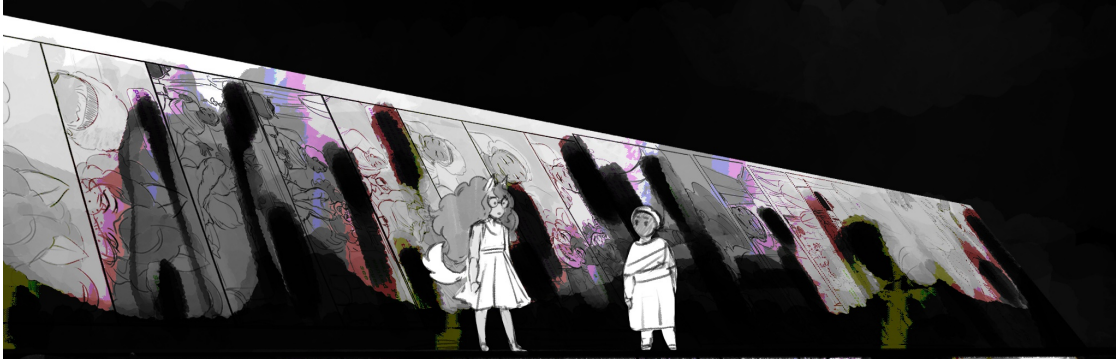


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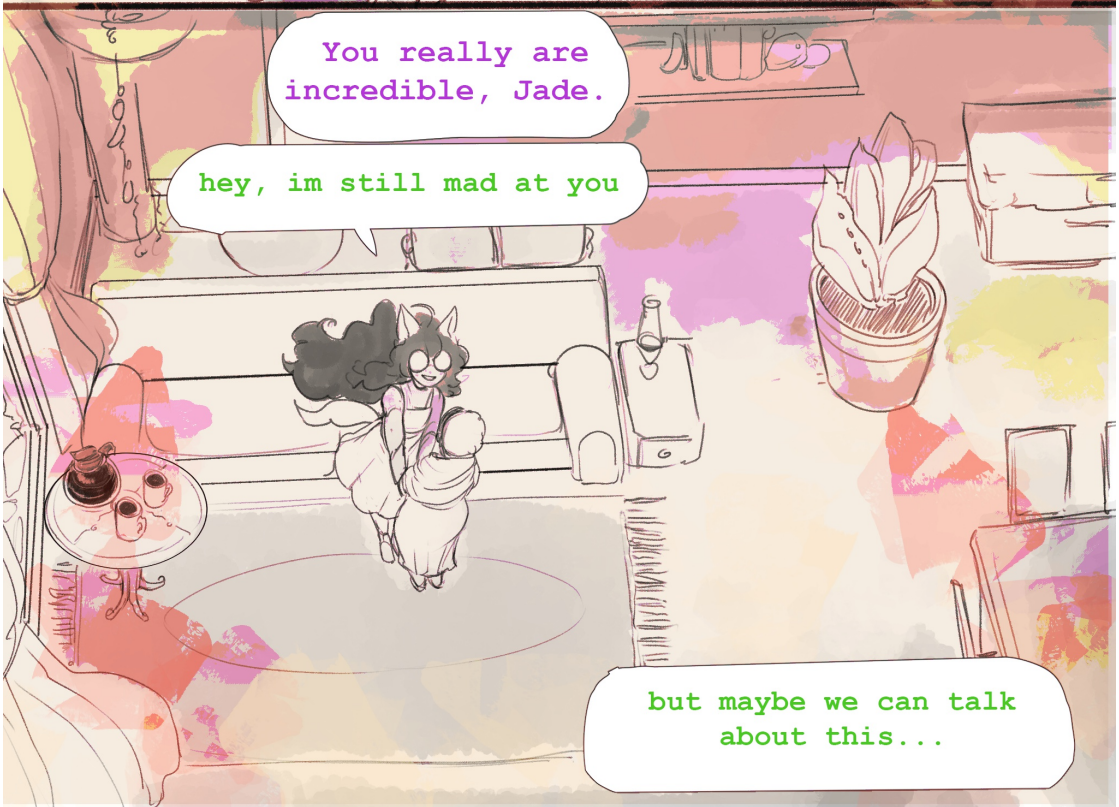
too bad...



you cant keep
me contained,
rose









over coffee?
:D

Nevermind,
you're awful.

fin.♡

Later, At the Rosemary home,...



You make it
than anyone I

i dunno

maybe you
wanted an
excuse to
see me
really

jade and rose arent soft lesbians the way many believe. theyre a kaiju battle. theyre storms crashing into each other. they can get along peacefully, but failing to account for the way theyd clash and sparks and explosions would result from that do them both a disservice.

theyre a lot like dirkjake in their disfunction, but unlike those two, they are terrifyingly hypercompetent. a pair of natural observers, a mad scientist and a mad wizard, both eager to make change happen. if theyd been trolls, they would be the visreszi of their session and there in lies the core of it: they are the missed opportunity. the missed chance to make something loud and beautiful and horrible out of fear, out of worry, out of simple chance

but the potential is always there dont take this to mean they couldnt be stable. that they could be loving and care about each other relentlessly and with an intensity that few could match

but thats not where it would start and thats the important thing to remember

Just enjoying a classic cup of hot bean juice made by our local barkrista.

@dogexmachina

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start charging
you, then

This was supposed to be a comic for zinestuck
but i missed the mark due to a mess of
reasons. Pun stepped in as a writer and
editor, saving my work and making it shine as
I hope I made her writing shine as well.

Rose Lalonde never shows her full game and a
lot of the times her playing isn't even that
brilliant, I wanted to catch her in her
gamble. Jade tore the scheme open and exposed
it - much like Rose would do to Jade if given
the opening. This exposure, this dance, is the
reason why I keep coming back to their
dynamic.

@riotbreakerr

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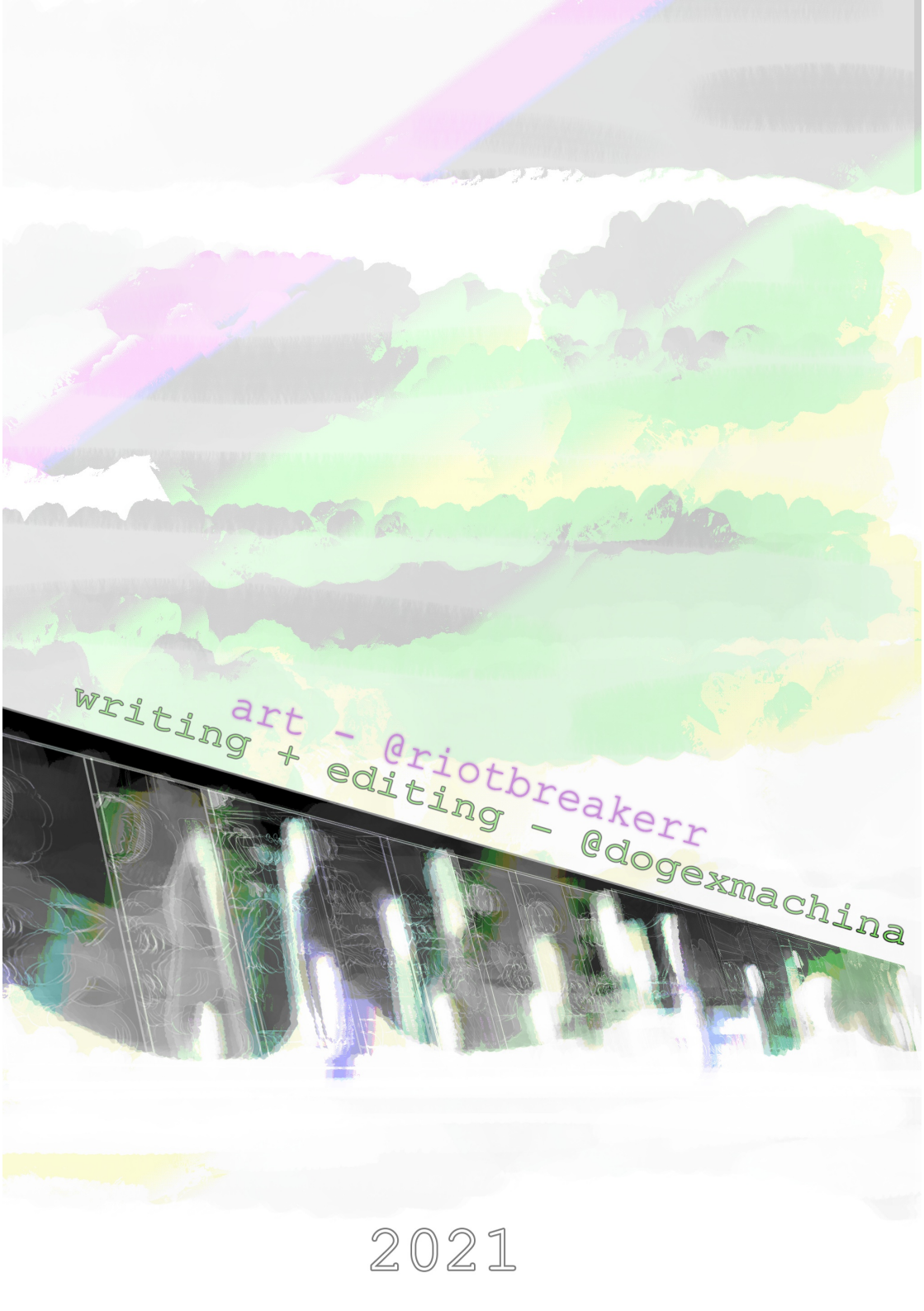
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Thank you for
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